

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS**

IN RE: Application Of Verizon New England, Inc. :
For Cable Television Construction : Docket No. 2007-C-1
Certificates For Service Areas 2, 3, and 8 :

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On March 8, 2007, Verizon New England, Inc. ("Verizon") filed an application with the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers ("Division") seeking Compliance Order Certificates for Rhode Island CATV Service Areas 2, 3 and 8. Through this application filing, Verizon sought the first of three licensing certificates (for each Service Area), which if the Division granted all, would enable Verizon to provide cable television services in the following communities:

Service Area 2: Providence and North Providence

Service Area 3: Cranston, Foster, Scituate and Johnston

Service Area 8: Hopkinton, Richmond, Charlestown, Westerly,
South Kingstown and Narragansett

The application was filed in conformance with the requirements of Section 3.3 of the Division's "Rules Governing Community Antenna Television Systems" ("Cable Rules").

After conducting several duly noticed public hearings on the matter, the Division granted Verizon's application for the three Service Area Compliance Order Certificates on August 21, 2007. Subsequently, on August 22, 2007 Verizon filed an application with the Division seeking Construction Certificates for Rhode Island CATV Service Areas 2, 3 and 8. The application was filed in conformance with the requirements of Section 3.4 of the Cable Rules. Through this filing, Verizon seeks the second of the three licensing certificates required to enable it to provide cable television services in Rhode Island CATV Service Areas 2, 3 and 8.

Pursuant to Section 3.4 Cable Rules, the Division has scheduled and plans to conduct a public hearing in this docket at **10:00 AM on October 15, 2007**. The hearing will be held at the Division's Offices located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard in Warwick.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive evidence and argument from the parties of record and public comment on Verizon's filed application. Through the hearing process, the Division will determine if Verizon has met all the conditions, terms, and requirements of the previously issued Compliance Order Certificates as well as the requirements of the Cable Rules.

The application is on file and available for inspection at the Division's Offices at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888.

The Division is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify Stephen Martin at 941-4500, extension 131, 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Thomas F. Ahern
Administrator
October 2, 2007

